IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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METHOD AND APPARATUS

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on August 29, 2005

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 29, 2005, said period of response being extended from July 29, 2005 to August 29, 2005.

Our check in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

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